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1. ACDA DEPUTY DIRECTOR ZURHELLEN CALLED IN SOVIET DCM VORONTSOV AND INFORMED HIM OF OUR SUPPORT FOR UK SUGGESTION THAT CANADIAN CCD REP BARTON BE DESIGNATED CHAIRMAN OF NPT PREPCOM. ZURHELLEN MADE POINTS IN REFTEL A, STRESSING POINT THAT THE THREE NUCLEAR WEAPON PARTIES TO NPT HAVE CONVERGENT INTEREST IN REACHING PROMPT AGREEMENT ON CHAIRMAN, SUCH AS BARTON, WHO WOULD GUIDE CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS CONSTRUCTIVELY AND WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE TO LARGE MAJORITY OF PREPCOM.

2. VORONTSOV REPLIED THAT AS FIRST REACTION HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO GET SOME ONE "MORE NON-ALIGNED" THAN CANADIAN; HOWEVER, HE DID NOT KNOW SITUATION IN PREPCOM AND PERHAPS MOSCOW WOULD THINK SUGGESTION WAS A GOOD ONE. IN ANY CASE HE WOULD REPORT PROMPTLY.

3. ZURHELLEN TOOK OCCASION TO REVIEW A NUMBER OF POINTS PREVIOUSLY RAISED WITH SOVIET MISSION AT NY BY USUN (REFTELS B AND C): WE THINK FORMAL INVITATIONS BY UNSYG OR ANY OTHER SOURCE WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE--PREPCOM SHOULD CONVENE ITSELF SINCE PREPCOM IS INDEPENDENT OF UN AND ALL

OF ITS MEMBERS ARE ON EQUAL FOOTING; WE THINK IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR US, UK AND SOVIET MISSIONS TO APPROACH UNSYG AND SUGGEST HE DESIGNATE AMB. PASTINEN (SYG'S SPECIAL REP TO CCD) AS SPECIAL REP TO PREPCOM AND NPT CONFERENCE. ZURHELLEN ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH CONFIDENTIAL

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TO AN EARLY UNDERSTANDING THAT PREPCOM MEETINGS SHOULD NOT BE OPENED TO NON-PARTIES. ANY ACCESS TO MEETINGS FOR NON-PARTIES COULD PROVIDE BOTH OPPORTUNITY AND INCENTIVE FOR OPPONENTS OF TREATY TO ATTACK ITS BASIC PROVISIONS AND URGE RENEGOTIATION OF THE TREATY. ZURHELLEN GAVE VORONTSOV INFORMAL PAPER SUMMARIZING THESE AND OTHER SUBSTANTIVE POINTS COVERED IN REFTELS B AND C.

4. VORONTSOV PROMISED TO RELAY REACTIONS FROM MOSCOW PROMPTLY. HE THOUGHT MOSCOW WOULD SHARE US VIEW ON NEED TO KEEP MEETINGS CLOSED TO ALL NON-PARTIES.

5. ZURHELLEN SAID THAT MOST PREPCOM MEMBERS HAVE AGREED TO MEET IN GENEVA APRIL 1. ONLY ONES THAT HAVE NOT YET CONFIRMED ARE THE SOVIET ALLIES PLUS AUSTRALIA, IRELAND, LEBANON AND PERU. AS SOON AS WE HAVE AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES FROM THESE COUNTRIES WE SHOULD WITHOUT DELAY ASK UN SECRETARIAT TO SEND NOTICE TO ALL PREPCOM MEMBERS CONFIRMING DATE, PLACE, AND AVAILABILITY OF UN FACILITIES. VORONTSOV PROMISED TO INQUIRE REGARDING SOVIET ALLIES.

6. FOR BEIRUT, CANBERRA, DUBLIN, LIMA: IN VIEW SHORT-NESS OF TIME REMAINING BEFORE OPENING OF PREPCOM, YOU SHOULD FIND EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW UP EARLIER APPROACHES MADE PURSUANT TO REFTEL D. UNLESS ONE OR MORE ADDRESSEES OBJECT TO APRIL 1 DATE, WE PLAN TO INFORM UN SECRETARIAT NO LATER THAN MARCH 20 THAT WE BELIEVE CONSENSUS HAS BEEN REACHED AND SECRETARIAT SHOULD SO INFORM PREPCOM MEMBERS. KISSINGER

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